

STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXAMINATION INFORMATION
PLUMBING CONTRACTOR

EXAMINATION AUTHORITY

The State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733 with licensing rules establishes the criteria, which controls the examinations and issuances of plumbing licenses in the State of Michigan.

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABILITY

The forms and others are available on the Bureau of Construction Codes web site - www.michigan.gov/bcc. Various other forms are available for use based upon your area of interest.

The site can be accessed by:

1. Selecting the FORMS button
2. Selecting PLUMBING DIVISION

Further inquiries may be directed to the following:

Bureau of Construction Codes
Plumbing Division
P. O. Box 30254
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Telephone: (517) 241-9330

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the examination a person shall either hold a master plumber license or employ the holder of a master plumber license as his or her representative. Only an owner of a sole proprietorship or partnership, or an officer of a corporation or limited liability company, may apply for licensure as a plumbing contractor.

The plumbing law requires all examinees to be of good moral character as defined and determined under 1974 PA 381. All applications request background information if the applicant has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor. When an applicant states yes a review process will be initiated. Failure to accurately report a conviction history will result in forfeiting any rights of consideration for examination.

CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a disability and require an accommodation to take the examination, please submit written documentation from a professional (education professional, doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist) to certify that your disabling condition requires the requested test accommodation. Accommodation request forms are available on our web site or you may contact this office.

OVERVIEW OF THE EXAMINATION

The contractor examination consists of 50 multiple choice questions answered on a machine graded form conducted for two hours.

The questions are designed to test an individual's knowledge of the State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733; Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230; and the administrative and enforcement procedures of the Michigan Plumbing Code (Chapter 1).

SAMPLE QUESTION

1. The state plumbing board shall consist of _____ members.
 - A. 2
 - B. 5
 - C. 7
 - D. 17

The applicant fills in C for question 1 on the answer sheet.

Candidates must receive a minimum of 70% to qualify for a license.

EXAMINATION DATES

Examinations are given in March, June, July (in the Upper Peninsula only for a limited number of those residents), September and December of each year.

All parking is free at the MSU Agricultural and Livestock Pavilion. The most convenient place to park will be in the EXHIBITORS LOT. You may use Entrance "P" for admission to the examination. Maps will be mailed with the admission card.

APPLICATIONS AND FEES

Applications and fees must be submitted to the State of Michigan/Plumbing Division. The plumbing contractors exam fee is \$100.00.

ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION

If approved for examination, an admission card will be mailed to you approximately 7 days prior to the examination date. The admission card shows the candidate number, date, location, and time of the exam. Only pre-registered candidates are admitted to the exam. No walk-in applicants are admitted.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE EXAMINATION

Candidates must bring their admission card and an official signed photo identification to be admitted to the examination. No one is admitted to the examination without picture identification.

The following materials are to be furnished by the applicant:

- At least two sharpened #2 pencils are required to mark answer sheets
- Silent non-printing calculators
- Current Michigan Plumbing Code book, which shall be unmarked.
- State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733
- Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230

The laws are available from web site connections as clarified in APPLICATIONS FORMS AVAILABILITY above.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED AT THE EXAMINATION

Cameras, videotaping equipment, recorders, cell phones and PDA's are prohibited. Further programmable calculators, note paper, notes or other material will not be allowed into the examination site.

The IPC Commentary is not permitted and applicants are cautioned that code books and copies of the laws shall be unmarked. This includes margin notes, test notes, highlighting, or other test aids.

LICENSE ISSUANCES

All scores are mailed simultaneously after grading and board approval. To insure confidentiality examination scores are not given over the telephone. Successful applicants receive a license after payment of the initial license \$300.00 fee for a period of up to three years dependent upon the current licensing cycle.

FAILURE OF EXAMINATION

If the applicant fails the examination, the application is canceled and the fee forfeited. Notification includes a reexamination application form. Applicants are eligible to apply for the next examination by completing the reexamination form and sending it to the Plumbing Division with the examination fee.